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SUBJECT: US TRIP OF CSU BUNDESTAG DEPUTY LORENZ NIEGEL,  
MAY 13-28, 1978

1. LORENZ NIEGEL, A MEMBER OF THE BAVARIAN CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION (CSU), AND HIS WIFE PLAN TO SPEND MAY 13-28 IN THE US. NIEGEL WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, MAY 15, AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON USG-FRG RELATIONS, INCLUDING DEFENSE-RELATED ISSUES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. NIEGEL TOLD US THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WILL INFORM THE FRG EMBASSY OF HIS TRIP. HE SAID THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY SPEND AN EXTRA DAY IN WASHINGTON, AND HE ADDED THAT HIS ENGLISH IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION.

2. A CSU BACKBENCHER IN THE BUNDESTAG SINCE 1969, NIEGEL IS A DIRECTLY ELECTED CANDIDATE FROM THE KULMBACH DISTRICT, WHERE HE WON 61 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN THE 1976 ELECTION. NIEGEL IS NOT WIDELY KNOWN IN FRG POLITICS, EXCEPT FOR HIS RECENT ISOLATED ADVOCACY OF REINTRODUCING THE DEATH PENALTY TO COPE WITH TERRORISM. (THE DEATH PENALTY IS FORBIDDEN BY THE FRG BASIC LAW, AND  
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THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD THAT IT WILL BE REINTRODUCED.)

3. THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS NIEGEL'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON. WE PLAN TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM SHORTLY BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR THE US, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVANCE WORD ON THE APPOINTMENTS WHICH HE WILL RECEIVE.

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